

Florida Fire Marshals And Inspectors Association

Informal Interpretation

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Paragraph Reference: 4.5.4

If this involves an actual situation, explain briefly:

Industrial occupancy with an occupant load of 81. Building has all required exits; injection molding manufacturing. There are offices included in this building separated from the main manufacturing floor with no direct view from one area to the other. Fully sprinklered building; sprinkler monitoring system will be provided.

Question (should be worded so that it can be answered with either "Yes" or "No"):

In the absence of any specific hazardous conditions or processes; is it the intent of NFPA 101 4.5.4 (2006 ed.) to require fire alarm notification in an occupancy specifically not required by the respective occupancy chapter?

Answer:

The answer is a unanimous no, from the five regional representatives and myself as chairperson, it is not the code's intent to require a fire alarm system as mentioned at NFPA 101 4.5.4 (2006 ed.) in the occupancy as specified by the petitioner.

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